

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2016  
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith, and Wayne Cantrell Jr.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Patrick Landry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Jason St. Romain, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Crappell’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported punch list item for the Franklin Canal Pump Station are still on going and the submittals and as-builts are still outstanding.

Mr. Jason St. Romain with Miller Engineers reported his office has received substantial completion on Hanson Canal Yellow Bayou projects; operations for both were turned over to the Parish. Mr. St. Romain stated that the Hanson Canal floodgate is closed as of now.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office held a pre-bid meeting on Dec 17 for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project and will be taking bids on January 22. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office held a meeting with Hellenic to finalize the right-of-ways. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office is continuing to move forward with Final Design for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion; additional analysis was performed as requested by CRPA. Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office is still waiting for the mitigation letter from the USACOE. Mr. O’Gorman stated the LA 70 portion should be starting Final Design shortly. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office is waiting for the USACOE permit.

Mr. Pena reported the DNR permit for the Bayou Chene project has been received. Mr. Pena stated the USACOE is waiting on engineering division to finalize their parts of the process and once that is complete they will be submitting it up to division for approval. Mr. Pena stated a meeting has been requested by the USACOE 404 permit team will all stake holders and due to the high river emergency the meeting has been delayed but will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Mr. Pena reported work commenced on January 9 on the Bayou Chene emergency structure by installing steel pipe pile. Mr. Pena also reported the barge was ballasted into position January 11 and sheet pile installation commenced January 12 and will be completed January 15. Mr. Pena stated the rip rap provided by USACOE should arrive Friday. Mr. Pena also stated that Hesco Baskets on Avoca will continue to be filled through the end of the week and the weir and Tennessee gas pipeline closures along Tabor Canal have been completed with the Enterprise pipeline closure still ongoing.

Mr. Matte reported all information has been submitted for the process of certifying Wax Lake East Levee and the report should be released soon.

Mr. Matte reported on December 23 he attended a meeting with Mr. Hidalgo to meet with Col. Hansen and his staff to discuss the permitting of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte also reported another meeting with Col. Hansen was held on January 7 due to Flood Fight 2016; Col. Hansen reported the flood predictions had decreased but the criteria were still there to open the Morganza Spillway. Mr. Matte stated he then met with General Weir, President of the Mississippi River Commission, on January 12 to explain the need for the Bayou Chene project which helps protect from backwater flooding. Mr. Matte reported SMLD also emphasized to the Governor, who visited on January 13, the need for the Bayou Chene project.

Mr. Bourgeois reported an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Drainage District #6 has been drafted to help assist with an emergency repair on a backwater levee in Amelia. The IGA also states the SMLD will help assist with the process of Federal reimbursement should a Federal declaration be called.

Mr. Broussard motioned to expand the agenda to take action on the above mentioned item. Following a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the above mentioned IGA with Drainage District #6. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo reported that an amendment to Task Order #1 for CB&I's administrative services has a proposed increase of \$201,000 to be a total of \$225,000 for 2016. Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign above mentioned amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District